

GREAT MISSION OF THE Y. M. C. A.

Every Avenue of Man's Development is Promoted by This Organization.

ON THE YOUNG MAN'S TRAIL

Y. M. C. A. Seeks Out Young Men Even on the Firing Line.

A generation ago the Young Men's Christian Association was commonly regarded as a society whose chief purpose was preaching and prayer. To-day almost every one knows it better—knows it as a powerful organization that works for the good of society highly practical. So multifarious is the association of to-day, in so many fields are its vast energies at work, that it is not easy to define or describe it in a single sentence. An intelligent foreigner, on reading its annual report, might well inquire, "What is this organization that is doing in the world?"

One may call it any one of these, and give good reasons. For instance, in the United States alone it owns thirty-one million dollars' worth of land and buildings. Its yearly income is more than two million dollars, half of which is perpetuated in property. It has more than five hundred club houses, large enough to house the whole population of a city like Pittsburgh. Every five days, on an average, it puts up a new building.

Look at it from another point of view, and one will find it has more than thirty-two thousand students in its schools, about as many as the eight biggest universities in America can show. Its diplomas are accepted by a hundred colleges. Last year it gave away to soldiers and sailors seventy-five tons of books and magazines. Its monthly rank as a social center is the most practical for it teaches its students useful trades and finds them employers when they graduate. Its finished product in this line last year numbered fifteen thousand young men.

Promoter of Sports. Give this many-sided institution another twist, and it becomes the greatest school of physical culture in the world, operating five hundred and fifty-six gymnasiums with a hundred and thirty-two thousand pupils. It is the foremost promoter of clean sport. When it takes hold of a young man, it hardens his backbone and tightens up his muscles, physically as well as morally. For scientific body-building, its instructors are generally admitted to be the best in their profession. They are also the best of specialists in physical training. In the words of one of its leaders, "It is no less an authority than Dr. Anderson, of Yale."

The American spirit of democracy has had full swing in the Young Men's Christian Association. Every branch is independent and self-governing. There is no imperialism. At least ten years ago a congress of the association elected a committee to make laws. They have no power to make laws. They merely offer help and advice to the secretaries, who are the real leaders and burden-bearers. There is no cut-and-dried set of rules. The only universal order is "keep order in the club house." To-day it is more than up-to-date. It is years ahead of the calendar. In educational matters it has become an experiment station, making new roads for the schools and colleges.

For instance, here is a typical, bright idea which has been put into practice in the New York branch. In a club of boys a map is hung on the wall representing an imaginary town which they call Collegeville. Every boy is supposed to be a resident of this town. He has a vote in the election of officers. A full house of town officials is elected, bonds are issued to provide money for improvements, and public franchises are sold to the highest bidder. In one club the game of citizenship has been running for two years, with all manner of highly exciting complications.

Boston and Detroit have schools for chauffeurs, in which no doubt, the students are taught the rules and duties of the profession. They have a class of non-nationals learning American history. New York has a hundred thousand dollar building for Frenchmen only. DeKalb has a school for Americanizing the French. Denver has set on foot a remarkable enterprise, called a "health farm." In a handsome park of sixty acres, it has built a town of tents, so that the weakling young men who have climbed to Denver in search of pure mountain air may sleep out-of-doors and recover their strength.

On Young Man's Trail. No matter where a young man goes the association is on his trail. It will find it among the paper-makers of Maine, the coal miners of Pennsylvania and quarrymen of Vermont, the cotton mill workers of the Carolinas and the gold mines of Alaska. The latest idea in the South is the movable association, which follows the lumber camps. The average secretary is a sleuth. He tracks his prey to its hiding-place. Every week little meetings are held in a flagman's shanty, an engineer's caboose, a coal

The Pain Family

You know them; they are numerous, and make their presence felt everywhere. The names of the family are Headache, Toothache, Earache, Backache, Stomach ache, Neuralgia, etc. They are sentinels that warn you of any derangement of your system. When the brain nerves become exhausted or irritated, Headache makes you miserable; if the stomach nerves are weak, indigestion results, and you double up with pain, and if the more prominent nerves are affected, Neuralgia simply makes life unendurable. The way to stop pain is to soothe and strengthen the nerves. Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills do this. The whole Pain family yield to their influence. Harmless if taken as directed.

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minia, a battleship or the "bull-pen" of a street car barn.

Sometimes the association follows the flag; sometimes it goes ahead. It is in Cuba, with President Palma as a member, and in Hawaii and the Philippines. When the Russo-Japanese war began the American Young Men's Christian Association asked permission to accompany the Japanese army.

"No," said the minister of war, "we need no missionaries." After seven days he changed his mind and allowed six secretaries and six native helpers to go to the firing line. From the first these men, with the four mystic letters on their caps, became popular with the army. Concerts were given every night with talking machines and music boxes. "Manhattan Beach" was the favorite tune. Hundreds of letters were written for illiterate soldiers. The great Kuroki presently paid a visit to the association tents, and expressed his approval. Oyama followed suit, and soon the various generals were wiring, "Send more of your men." A check of \$5000 was received from the Nikado, and to-day the Young Men's Christian Association is an established Japanese institution, tested under fire and proved to be true blue.

The Young Men's Christian Association stands for sanity, temperance, good will in all things. "Mind and Body" is its motto. While financiers are consolidating banks and amalgamating corporations, it plods ahead with its gigantic scheme of building up a world-wide "young man trust." How far it will succeed, who can tell? It has powerful and generous friends, and a reputation of social usefulness which is yearly increasing.

"If I had my life to live over again," said John Wannamaker, "I'd give twice as much to the Young Men's Christian Association. It is an investment that never disappoints."

Personal and Briefs. Dr. H. W. Davis left last night for Mountville, West Va., to visit his brother, Dr. John R. Davis, who is critically ill. Miss Margaret S. Monro, who has been very ill, has returned to the Virginia Hospital and is somewhat improved.

Mrs. Duding and Miss M. Florence Lockett, of Roanoke, have returned after a brief visit to this city. They came to attend the bazaar that was held in the auditorium last week by the Daughters of Liberty. They were much pleased with their trip and were stopping with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Whitlock, of Church Hill.

Campbell Tobacco Raisers. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CONCORD, VA., March 28.—The monthly meeting of the Campbell County Society of Equity will be held at Hat Creek, Saturday, April 14th, at 10 A. M. and will elect delegates to the State meeting in Lynchburg the 20th and 21st of April. Reports from prize-house and also the matter of the 1906 crop will be presented.

AGREEMENT EFFECTED. PLENARY SITTING TO-DAY (By Associated Press.)

ALGECIRAS, March 28.—The delegates at the conference on Moroccan Affairs, spent the day in private discussions on the remaining details of the proposed compact, on which agreement was virtually effected, in preparation for to-morrow's plenary sitting. The Moors are displaying a spirit of obstruction, protesting against the decisions of the conference until they shall have been given the ratification of the Sultan.

American Side-Lights. (Mrs. Craigie in London Chronicle.) Idleness is unpopular in the States; no man, however rich, will ever retire from work. He dies as a rule of overwork and worry.

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AMERICAN PLAY MONDAY NIGHT

"Ben, of Broken Bow Ranch," Breathes the Pure Western Air.

MR. DANIEL RYAN RETURNS

Will Offer Three New Plays to the Bijou Patrons Next Week.

A new comedy drama entitled "Ben of Broken Bow Ranch," by Edith Ellis Baker, with Franklin Woodruff as the star, will be the attraction at the Academy next Monday night. The play is said to be an original American comedy drama in four acts, splendidly staged and acted, comedy, pathos and heart interest admirably mingled in. The first act shows Broken Bow ranch; the second and third acts are in the metropolis, and the last act takes the characters back to Broken Bow, Nebraska, to the Grand Central Hotel.

Ryan Next Week.

Dan Ryan is nothing if not original, and to show his versatility he will present during his engagement at the Bijou next week for the first four performances, "The Bells," in which he will be seen in the character of "Maudie," a part made famous by the late Sir Henry Irving. Thursday matinee "Camille" is the bill, and Thursday night "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday matinee Mr. Ryan will present his own version of "The Fatal Wedding," "The Nurses" and the Humming Bird, at the Bijou this week, is delighting the patrons.

Miss Grace George.

A Southern critic has this to say of Miss Grace George, who will soon appear at the Academy: "The greatest tribute that could be paid to the work of Miss George is a mere statement of the fact that when she first appeared in the character of 'Maudie' a part made famous by the late Sir Henry Irving, she did not act; for the hours she was Lady Kitty herself. There was no feigning, no artificiality, but a genuine interpretation of the role in a manner that reflected the highest credit upon the actress. Many of the first time; none had ever seen better acting. One laughed with her in her comedy lines, suffered with her in her more powerful ones. She was at once a happy, merry, frivolous girl, and a woman of the most intense feeling. Foolish in the most intense, and yet so full of fun and love Lady Kitty for the charm in which Miss George invested the character."

ELEVEN NEW CHARTERS.

Corporation Commission Grants This Very Large Number.

West Point Ice Company, (Incorporated), West Point, J. S. Montgomery, president; A. S. Gresham, secretary and treasurer, Richmond, Capital, \$3000; objects, to manufacture and sell ice.

The Suffolk Realty Corporation, Suffolk, J. B. Plummer, president; L. P. Jordan, secretary, Suffolk, Capital, \$5000; objects, a general real estate business.

The Burdette Lumber and Mining Company, (Incorporated), Alexandria, J. B. Plummer, president; William Hitz, secretary and treasurer, Washington, D. C., Capital, \$100,000; objects, to deal in metals and minerals of all kinds, etc.

Peoples' Savings Association, (Incorporated), Newmarket, N. J., J. B. Plummer, president; John T. Gregory, secretary; E. S. Blanton, treasurer, Newport News, Capital, \$5000; objects, to do a general banking business.

Reichardt-Haenel Contracting Company, (Incorporated), Norfolk, L. J. Haenel, president and treasurer, Norfolk, Va., Capital, \$5000; objects, to build and construct railroads, docks, walls, etc.

Hardwood Lumber and Mining Company, (Incorporated), Alexandria, Ezra Gould, president; E. S. Wolf, secretary and treasurer, Washington, D. C., Capital, \$2500; objects, a general banking business.

Wright Adams Lumber Company, (Incorporated), Roanoke, J. J. Wright, secretary and treasurer, Roanoke, Capital, \$25,000; objects, to deal in coal, lands, real estate.

Hardwood Lumber and Mining Company, (Incorporated), Roanoke, R. H. Angell, president; C. L. Bush, treasurer, Roanoke, Va.; B. F. Johnson, Jr., secretary, Roanoke, Va., Capital, \$50,000; objects, to deal in timber and mineral lands.

Yellow Creek Coal and Coke Company, (Incorporated), Roanoke, J. J. Wright, president; R. L. Kilgore, secretary and treasurer, Wise, Va., Capital, \$15,000; objects, to deal in coal, lands, real estate.

Cumberland Traction Company, Big Stone Gap, Va., Capital, \$25,000; objects, to construct, maintain and operate a railroad.

Trenton Improvement Corporation, Roanoke, D. C. Talbot, president; R. W. Winborne, secretary and treasurer, Roanoke, Va., Capital, \$15,000; objects, to deal in real estate.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT JOHNSTOWN

Property Loss Will Exceed Half-Million Dollars; Tenants Suffer Heavily.

(By Associated Press.) JOHNSTOWN, PA., March 28.—The fire which broke out in the business section of this city shortly after last midnight destroyed four large business structures and caused a loss of over a half million dollars. William Campbell, a fireman, was caught under a falling wall and probably fatally injured.

The fire originated in the Swank Hardware Company's building, but just how it was kindled was not discovered. It gained such headway as to render futile for five hours the work of the firemen in combating it. The following buildings were completely destroyed:

Swank building, loss \$200,000; Henderson Furniture Company's store, loss \$15,000; Fisher's wholesale grocery store, loss \$50,000; Journal Publishing Company, loss \$100,000; and the Louis Gela residence, loss \$25,000. About seventy-five per cent of the losses were covered by insurance.

A score of tenants in the various buildings sustained losses aggregating \$100,000. In the basement of the Swank Hardware building was stored a quantity of powder, and it was the explosion of this which injured fireman Campbell.

Qualified.

"I see Jones is writing 'The True Story of Panama.' It has been there." "No, he wrote one last summer."—Julia.

SILAS STRONG

Emperor of the Woods

Only Living Stallion Which Can Boast of Three Great Trotters.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 28.—Chimes, the great son of Blackstone and Beautiful Belle, is now located in his new home, the stables of that well known horseman, Mr. B. L. Tuft, of Salem, N. J. Chimes needs little introduction to the public. He stands to-day as the greatest living sire of extreme speed. He is the only stallion that can boast of having three 2:05 trotters, and no other horse has two-year-olds to his credit. Chimes was foaled at Palo Alto farm, in 1884. He was the fifth foal and second son of Beautiful Belle. He is a seal brown horse, right hind pastern white, full sixteen hands, and the tallest and largest foal of his dam—a massive, impressive horse of great bulk and power, finely finished, with plenty of bone and muscle, but not gross or coarse. His training was begun when nine months old, and at fourteen months he trotted a quarter in thirty-five seconds, a 2:20 gait. He came East with the Palo Alto farm, in 1888, and was at once placed at East Saginaw, Mich., early in July, trotted three-quarters of a mile at a 2:24 gait, and was purchased by Mr. C. J. Hamilton, of Buffalo, for Village Farm, for \$12,500. That fall he walked over for a \$750 stake at Albany, N. Y., in 2:48 1/2, and in 1890 he won a stake of \$25,000, 2:33 1/2. He was at this time a tremendously big colt, loosely made and put together, and as a three-year-old did not seem to be in good form. He started four times, walking over for three stake events, one of which was worth \$5,000; in the fourth he beat a solitary competitor in 2:33 1/2, 2:35 1/2, 2:38 1/2, the best heat being his record, as he never afterward appeared in public. That he could have taken a record of 2:25 as a two-year-old Mr. Marvin thinks was certain, had he remained in his hands. In after years he showed halves in 1:10 in sound condition.

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The change in the left field bleacher will attract the greatest attention of the "fans" on their first visit to the grounds. It is now no doubt the largest bleacher in the country, and will certainly afford the greatest comfort and clear view to the spectators of all sports of the playing field. The former bleacher ran straight from the grand stand along Thirtieth Street to Columbia Avenue and it was found that when a large crowd was present the view of the infield of those spectators facing the infield and home plate, was obstructed by jostling, the intervening seats. This has now been completely rectified. The new bleacher has been built in the form of a semi-circle, the seats reaching to the left field line and facing the infield and home plate.

Heavy Florida yellow pine timber has been used in the construction of the new bleachers, several carloads having been brought North by a leading local lumber firm for the exclusive use of the Athletic Club in this work. The club is strikingly superior in structure are of extraordinary strength, 12 by 6 inches in dimension, while the other yellow pine timbers used measure 10 by 3.

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Dickinson's season opens with Princeton at Princeton, April 4th. In addition the red and white team to have played two games at Newport News against the city's representative club on the last two days of the month. Much regret is expressed over the breaking of the trip to Dixie, which was supposed to put Dickinson in shape to hustle Princeton and the rest of their hard schedule.

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SUBSTITUTE AUTO. BILL IS PREPARED

Latest Document Said to Be Acceptable to New Jersey Club.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) TRENTON, N. J., March 28.—There is a lot of trouble over the Automobile Bill. Ever since it was given to Chairman Perkins of the House Judiciary Committee he has been besieged with letters, proposed amendments, substitutes and what not referring to the provisions of this bill. Perkins has been literally covered with documents on the subject to-day. Perkins said he wanted to play fair and afford Senator Frothinghuyser every opportunity, although he was personally opposed to much that was in the bill.

Senator Frothinghuyser sees the handwriting on the wall, and has prepared what may be called a new substitute, which will be submitted to Mr. Perkins this afternoon. This substitute suits the Automobile Club of New Jersey, it consists of a series of amendments to the existing measure. In a word, it can be said that the changes are all in favor of the automobilists. Many of the radical features of the old bill are stricken out. Perkins and his committee and Mr. Frothinghuyser held a long meeting to-night, and they hope to have the measure in shape for reporting to-morrow.

Eight Rounds to Draw. MILLWAUKEE, WIS., March 28.—Jimmy Gardner, of Lowell, and Jack Dougherty, of Milwaukee, fought eight rounds to a draw at the Badger Athletic Club last night. Gardner had a shade better of the bout up to the end of the seventh round. The Milwaukee brawler decidedly the better of the final round and evened up any shortcoming in the previous rounds.

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